

REMARKS:

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The pending claims in the present application are claims 1, 3-5, 7-12, 14-16, 19-23, 25-26, and 29-33.

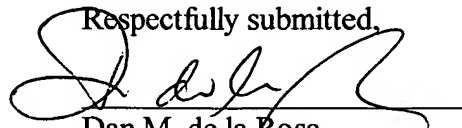
In the Official Action dated March 10, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 30 and 33 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention; in particular, the talc and beads each comprise 50% and the mixture adds up to more than 100%. In response, the Applicant has amended claims 30 and 33 so that the talc ranges from 2 to 25%, the beads range from 2 to 25% and the carrier ranges from 50 to 96% and the mixture adds up to 100%.

With regards to the Terminal Disclaimer, the Applicant is submitting \$1.00 to correct the fees and resubmitting the Terminal Disclaimer in response to the Examiner's provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection. It is also noted that the prior art references cited by the Examiner in the previous Official Action have been overcome and the 102 rejections have been removed.

In view of the actions taken and arguments presented, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention is now in condition for allowance.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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